

From: Jim Peel
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 1:13 AM
Subject: Proposed FCC changes

The Honorable Michael K. Powell, Chairman

The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Commissioner

The Honorable Michael J. Copps, Commissioner

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Commissioner

The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner

Dear Mssrs. and Madam,

The proposed changes that would allow unfettered ownwrship of media outlets sets a dangerous precedent. Australia's press is nearly whoily owned by a single conglomerate and the news is filtered according to the political winds that blow through mahogany row.

We do not need the same type of thing to happen in America.

Please do not relax the current laws that disallow the monopolization of the press and media.

Sincerely,

James and Christina Peel
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Kimball, NE 69145
308-235-4601

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From: Margo Logan
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 3:31 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Margo Logan (CrowVision2003@yahoo.com) writes:

No rule change on June 2, 2003, please. We, Americans, want diversity and a wide ranges of choices in gathering information regarding our lives and the world. No monopoly, no to a few entities having power over information.

Please advise what your position is on this matter. Thank you Margo Logan

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Remote host: 4.41.130.124
Remote IP address: 4.41.130.124

From: Marc Chase
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 7:24 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Marc Chase (benative@earthlink.net) writes:

Good going. Keep fighting.

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1
Remote host: 216.244.1.24
Remote IP address: 216.244.1.24

From: M J Wegner
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 15, 2003 12:19 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

M J Wegner (mjisme@cox.net) writes:

I write to you on behalf of many Americans who oppose the proposed FCC weakening of cross ownership limits. We have a paucity of accurate information these days. This proposed FCC action would fly in the face of an "informed electorate".
Thank you for your courageous efforts.

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1
Remote host: 68.7.85.138
Remote IP address: 68.7.85.138

From: leticia ortiz
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 3:56 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

leticia ortiz (encanto60@hotmail.com) writes:

NO ON DEREGUALTION!!!!

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1
Remote host: 209.232.31.31
Remote IP address: 209.232.31.31

From: Leslie Brenner
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 12:50 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Leslie Brenner (leslie_brenner@yahoo.com) writes:

Dear FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein,

Thank you for ongoing efforts to slow down the proposal to consolidate the media, which has not received adequate FCC review or public comment. I agree with you that it's not in the public's interest to allow fewer and fewer companies to control everything the public hears, reads and sees. The FCC proposal ought to receive more public attention and debate before it's voted on.

Thank you again for your hard work!

Sincerely,

Leslie Brenner

376 President Street, #40

Brooklyn, NY 11231

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Remote host: 4.43.36.167

Remote IP address: 4.43.36.167

From: Lawrence Hauben
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, May 18, 2003 12:43 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Lawrence Hauben (lahauben@sbcglobal.net) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein

I write in opposition to changing the law to allow the reduction in competition for television and radio Licenses.

In the early 20th century we had monopolies in many areas that affected public welfare with small numbers of wealthy and powerful interests controlling what we heard, what we read, how we communicated , etc. As a result of muckraking journalists, public outcry and courageous public officials a series of laws and rules were enacted that assured access to a diversity of ideas, opinions and reporting.

This diversity and public access to a range of viewpoints is seriously threatened by the proposed change in rules. In this critical time where our way of life is threatened by external and internal dangers it is more important than ever that we are given access to more, diverse information and viewpoints, not less.

Please do not let us slide back to those times when a small group of self serving individuals and companies controlled what we heard and saw. Do not vote to allow a reduction in competition in the marketplace. We need you to be one of those courageous people who votes against special interests.

Sincerely,

Lawence Hauben

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Remote IP address: 67.121.74.37

From: Larry B. Noble
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 1:24 PM
Subject: changing broadcasting rules

Please delay any changes in broadcasting rules being pushed by the Bush Admn. This needs much public comment and discussion before any changes are made. This is being done too swiftly for comfort.

From: Kirsch, Karen
To: Commissioner Adelstein, Johanna Mikes
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 5:00 PM
Subject: NAB Radio Board Letter re: Radio Market Definition

From: Karl Almquist
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 7:19 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Karl Almquist (tvr2500vixen@aol.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

Freedom of speech and diversity of speech must be protected in the United States. The deregulation of our airwaves is the wrong direction for our country to go. We need to encourage a wide and diverse voice to present all side of our national discourse. Please do not support deregulation, please work towards a media that is diverse, open and honest.

Clear Channel Communication is an excellent example of what we do not want to have happen to our media.

Sincerely,

Karl Almquist
20722 Great Laurel CT.
Kingwood TX 77346-1330

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Remote IP address: 172.169.144.34

From: JR TERRY
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 17, 2003 4:22 PM
Subject: nNETWORKS BILL

If the networks bill passes. There will be no networks only NETWORK owned by big money.

From: Johnrink@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 11:29 PM
Subject: Deregulation

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

I have spent 25 years working in television news. What has happened over the last decade has been a travesty due in large part to deregulation and more of it will mean more heartache for the communities that have come to rely on their local television stations.

What has deregulation done? It has skyrocketed the price of television stations. Why is that bad? Because when the economy hits the skids the corporate idiots who have overpaid for their properties have no choice but to cut corners ie; fire veteran staff members, fail to upgrade equipment, and in truth shortchanging the public.

Honestly, I am not concerned about the false argument that there will be too few voices bringing news to the marketplace. The problem is that the drive for profits will force news operations to run skeleton, underpaid=inexperienced, staffs who lack the resources to serve their viewers. Worse still we will see more Sinclairs with their central casting which is a formula for disaster. How can you serve Oklahoma City viewers when a tornado is tearing through your community by using a weathercaster in Baltimore? It would be like General Franks running the war in Iraq with all of his generals in Tampa.

Please stop deregulation.

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From: john sullivan
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 12:31 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

john sullivan (jonee0@hotmail.com) writes:

id appreciate your vote against the cross ownership proposal, as it will cause the RUIN OF MY CAREER if this goes into effect

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Remote host: 65.33.21.176
Remote IP address: 65.33.21.176

From: John D. Toscano
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 16, 2003 7:37 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

John D. Toscano (jdtoscano@cox.net) writes:

I find the chairman's policy and advocacy of allowing greater concentrations of media is abhorrent to American principles of fair play and free speech.
I am totally opposed to these new rules.

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Remote IP address: 68.0.224.208

From: joe cernac
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 2:11 AM
Subject: Re: FCC EMAIL ADDRESSES - [SBMSW] FW: May 29th FCC Action at Clear Channel/ KM

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> Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell and Commissioners,

We do not need a rule that allows greater commercial radio and TV concentration into the hands of a select few wealthy people or corporations. We need leadership that brings station owner back to the communities that they serve.

Sincerely,
Joe Cernac
San Jose, CA

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From: Jeremy Jon Jojola
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 9:08 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Jeremy Jon Jojola (jjojol@kobtv.com) writes:

Commissisoner Adelstein -

I am a reporter for the NBC affiliate in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I am writing about Mr. Powells apparent plans to gut rules that are designed to prevent media conglomeration. I can tell you commissioner, local news is already a mess as it is. Please don't let the chairman do this. More sources of news are better rather than fewer.

Thank you for your time.

Jeremy Jojola
Reporter, KOB-TV

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Remote IP address: 65.166.80.196

From: James Burkleo
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 9:47 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

James Burkleo (jburkleo@mindspring.com) writes:

I urge you to ask FCC Chairman Michael Powell to retain the current ownership rules to give the public more time to review and comment on the proposed changes."

Sincerely,
James Burkleo

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1
Remote host: 66.32.167.158
Remote IP address: 66.32.167.158

From: Jack Dees
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 11:41 AM
Subject: Regulations Changes

Please do not change the six regulations being considered! Respectfully yours, Jack W. Dees, Air Force Village I, 4917 Ravenswood Dr., #1607, San Antonio, TX 782278.

CC: Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Norman Linton
To: Commissioner Adelstein, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, Mike Powell
Date: Fri, May 9, 2003 1:20 PM
Subject: Get the U.S. Media to Report This

Friday, May 9, 2003

To Members of the Federal Communications Commission:

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As members of the FCC - one of the most powerful groups in America - I urge you to speak up and insist that news be reported wherever it is occurring, and done so fairly and objectively by all the mainstream news outlets.

Sincerely,

Norman Linton
2229 Gladstone Avenue
Louisville, KY 40205
linton33@bellsouth.net

CC: MSNBC News, NBC Nightly News, Vivian Potter, Gerald Powers, Edward Said, Gush Shalom, Law Society

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From: peter fletcher
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 12:34 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

peter fletcher (petefletch@yahoo.com) writes:

I don't want to see news media
"Mc Donaldised"
vote to stop the changes.
peter fletcher

Server protocol: HTTP/1.1
Remote host: 158.123.164.100
Remote IP address: 158.123.164.100

From: paul d churchville
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 12:31 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

paul d churchville (pappy@chartermi.net) writes:

saw on c-span clear thinking will to fight for constituency true honesty how can i help?

Server protocol: HTTP/1.0
Remote host: 24.247.45.126
Remote IP address: 24.247.45.126

From: Patricia Krommer
To: tedewilliams@earthlink.net, Mike Powell
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 5:18 PM
Subject: Re: CHANGING EXISTING REGULATIONS IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT

Ted Williams has voiced my sentiments exactly. Patricia Krommer C.S.J.

>From: Ted Williams <tedewilliams@earthlink.net>
>To: mpowell@fcc.gov
>CC: kabernat@fcc.gov, mcopps@fcc.gov, kjmweb@fcc.gov, jadelste@fcc.gov
>Subject: CHANGING EXISTING REGULATIONS IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2003 23:42:34 -0700
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>To: mpowell@fcc.gov, kabernat@fcc.gov, mcopps@fcc.gov,
>kjmweb@fcc.gov, jadelste@fcc.gov (FCC Commissioners)
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>Five giant corporations currently control most of the news and
>entertainment on television; four companies control 90% of U.S. radio, and
>almost all of our country's newspapers are owned by only 14 companies. The
>result is an obvious skewing of news coverage which is disastrous for a
>free flow of information.
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>I find it hard to believe that any American who cares about democracy and
>free speech could allow this monopoly to get even worse. Remember that you
>represent and work for the people of this country, not the special
>interests who would be the only beneficiaries of the considered regulation
>changes.
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>Please do not relax any of the six regulations currently under
>consideration
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>Ted Williams
>tedewilliams@earthlink.net

Respectfully,

Ted Williams

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Patrice Fisher
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 12:55 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Patrice Fisher (fishken@qwestinternet.net) writes:

Keep fighting for the American people and OUR airways. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS!

Sincerely,
Patrice Fisher

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Remote host: 65.138.120.128
Remote IP address: 65.138.120.128

From: Tom Vodak
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 10:39 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Tom Vodak (vodak2@cox.net) writes:

Commisioner Adelstein-

I am writing to urge you to reconsider and support the continued de-regulation of the television industry. Your plans will help local broadcasters in smaller markets to become financially stronger to be better able to serve their viewers.

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Remote IP address: 68.1.248.88

From: Tim202914@cs.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
cc:
Subject: ENOUGH!!!

Members,
Enough already!!! FOR WHOM DO YOU WORK??? Who is making this an issue? Who is pushing you into this?

Don't you MORONS realize how dangerous this is to a truly free press? Are you that obtuse? It is quite amazing that, when we are supposedly "liberating" Iraq, you and your Corporate puppeteers (you are the puppets) are attempting to systematically destroy a big portion of what constitutes a true and strong democracy!!! You guys should have your heads AND your Swiss bank accounts examined!!

Tim Lynch

From: Terri Grayum
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 4:48 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Terri Grayum (ladyluck@teleport.com) writes:

After reading your comments to the Media Institute, I consider you a true American hero! Thank you for doggedly pursuing the halting of Michael Powell's June 2nd target for changing the FCC regulations. I believe this is one of the most crucial issues threatening our democracy today. I appreciate your tenacity, your honesty and your common sense.

Sincerely,
Terri Grayum
Portland, OR

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Remote host: 159.121.4.162
Remote IP address: 159.121.4.162

From: Susan Putnam
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 11:47 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Susan Putnam (sputnam@mindspring.com) writes:

Thanks for coming to soggy Atlanta and listening to all our thoughts on possible changes to media growth. We all need a voice, and not be force fed what the media "thinks" what we need to hear by allowing runaway growth of big media.

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Remote host: 207.69.91.63
Remote IP address: 207.69.91.63

From: Yapti Tasba
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 11:27 PM
Subject: monopolies

Please oppose any attempt to monopolize our airwaves by coporations who would limit the ability of varied viewpoints and opinions to be voiced. This is, after all, America, where all opionions are valued. Do not allow large companies to take advantage. The laws, as they stand are sufficient to protect the public's rights. A concerned citizen, Kurt WATson

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From: William Jacob DeBoard
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 1:36 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

William Jacob DeBoard (bartenderbill@hotmail.com) writes:

I watched your news conference and was suprised you voiced my fears about consolidating broadcast networks in a manner that was both insightful and concise. To limit the number of opinions that are placed before the american public is in essence limiting the amount of choices we, as a people, have. Diversity of opinion is the cornerstone of a free people. Freedom to choose is directly related to, and contingent on, the the number of choices that are offered. choices are dserived from knowledge that is consumed through our free media exchange. Limiting the opinions we are given limits our ability to choose. We used to deride the communist for having elections with only one choice. How much closer are we to that system when we are given the limited opinions of a few wealthy and powerful individuals? Please do not give up our way of life so a few giant corporation can get even larger and more powerful. Thank you for my right to respond and may it always be so. William J!
. DeBoard

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Remote IP address: 12.215.251.49

From: William Jack
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 11:11 AM
Subject: Dishonesty in government-- Another violation of the public trust

What an odd subject heading! Well, How can citizens have much faith in government when huge broadcasting mega-business conglomerates control the access to information via purchasing the various broadcasting and news outlets of our region? The McCain-Finergold bill merely makes the voice of these destroyers of democracy more powerful and helps to quench dissent.

Shame on you if you vote to allow the megabroadcasters to further damage competition in the marketplace of ideas.

Rather, you should force the megabroadcasters out of the market. Demand that station owners have control of that which is broadcast and that station owners must reside in the state where the station operates.

In New Hampshire we are sick and tired of out of state interests "buying elections" and shoving the "California ethic" down our throats.

William H. Jack
65 Shaker Farm Road S
Marlborough, NH 03455

From: Will Mosgrove
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Fri, May 23, 2003 3:55 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Will Mosgrove (will@willmosgrove.com) writes:

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

I applaud you in your effort to seek a delay on th upcoming vote regarding Media Concentration Rules. A further consolodation of the media industry is not, in my opinion, in the best interest of the American public and will directly be a dis-service to business such as my own. I have sent letters to my Senators, asking them to voice their support for a delay. I can only hope that Chairman Powell will listen to the rumblings brewing and pay attention to the concerns of his fellow commissioners.

Best regards,

Will Mosgrove

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Remote IP address: 12.236.182.250

From: Tracy Teuscher
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Thu, May 22, 2003 4:11 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Tracy Teuscher (tracyt@sssnet.com) writes:

Dear Jonathan,

I had the great pleasure to see you and hear your speech to the media college on cable television a few nights ago. I thought you did an excellent job. In Business Week this week, I see an article in the Editorials that agrees with you. Among other things, its states that ...Despite the innovations of recent years, the vast majority of Americans do not get their news from cable channels or the web, and that the FCC itself found 56% of those surveyed in 2002 relied primarily on TV for their news and information, 23% on newspapers, 10% on radio, 7% on cable, and even less for the internet. They go on to say that free TV is at stake now. Here, here. Keep up the good work!

America needs your voice of reason in a time of great peril. This country is at the brink of the chasm in too many ways to count. Please continue to do all you can to protest increased media conglomeration. I have already contacted my state representative and senators on this matter. Thank you!

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Remote IP address: 65.173.112.169

From: Kevin Bayhouse
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, May 27, 2003 9:13 AM
Subject: Protect Public Interest!!!

Kevin Bayhouse
706 Opal St.
Boise, ID 83705-1767

May 27, 2003

Commissioner Michael Copps
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Commissioner Copps:

It is my understanding that the Federal Communications Commission is considering possible changes to its media ownership rules. I urge you to fully disclose your ideas on this extremely important issue and allow hearings and public comment.

Allowing greater concentration and cross-ownership of media may have a profound impact on Americans' access to a wide range of news, information, programming and political commentary. To have a healthy democratic dialogue and participation on major issues, I believe it is important that we have access to a diversity of opinions and information, not a handful of options. Altering media ownership rules could seriously affect vigorous public debate and the marketplace of ideas. Rulemaking of this significance should therefore be open to public comment.

I also believe that, to stay democratic and free, we need to ensure diversity of opinion and the free exchange of ideas. It is imperative that there be the widest possible comment on any proposed rule so the Commission may fairly and impartially evaluate whether it will promote or hinder such diversity.

Once again, I urge you to fully disclose your ideas on this extremely important issue and allow hearings and public comment.

Sincerely,

Kevin Bayhouse